Issuing of Concession forms to Students for Rail Travel

2080. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that concession forms issued to students for rail journeys are being misused at large scale;

(b) if so, whether some persons have been recently apprehended travelling on the basis of the above forms;

(c) if so, whether Government have taken any action, so far, in this regard, and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL) : (a) to (d) There is no large scale misuse of concession forms issued to students for rail journeys. However, in the checks conducted during the last two years, two cases of misuse have come to notice. The School/College authorities have been warned and asked to pay the railways dues. Railways staff have been taken up under Disciplinary and Appeal rules for their negligence.

Jabalpur—Gondia Gauge Conversion Project

† 2081. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 756, given in the Rajya Sabha on the 27th July, 2001 and state :

(a) by when the guage conversion work on jabalpur-Gondia rail line would start from Jabalpur;

(b) by when the guage conversion work of the whole project would be completed; and

(c) the amount allocated in the current financial year ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL) : (a) The work of gauge conversion of Gondia-Jabalpur line is being progressed as per operational requirement and availability of resources. In phase-I, the work on Gondia-Balaghat section has been taken up. final location survey for Jabalpur-Balaghat has been completed. Land acquisition for detoured alignment near Jabalpur has been processed.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) No target date of completion of the project has yet been fixed.

(c) An amount of Rs. 15 crore has been provided for the work in the Budget 2001-2002.

Use of Recycled Rails

2082. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the.Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that recycled rails are used by the Railways;

(b) whether this is in conformity with safety norms;

(c) what are the reasons for taking such unsafe action; and

(d) what steps are proposed to be taken to stop this ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) to (d) The relased rails from busy lines are segregated into second hand serviceable rails *i.e.* rails still having balance life and scrap rails. The released serviceable rails are scanned ultrasonically before using them for renewal on lighter traffic routes.

Time Bound Promotions to DMOS in Railways

2083. SHRI ANIL SHARMA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Ministry of Railways has given two time-bound promotions to General Duty Doctors, but the specialists recruited directly as DMOs in 1988-89 have been denied the same, contravening the Notification issued by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare vide letter No. A-45013/ 13/90/-CHSV dated the 4th November, 1991, para 7.9 and 10;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the judgement of CAT dated the 21st March 2001, to given DMOs two time-bound promotions, remains unimplementcd; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL) : (a) and (b) The recommendations of the Tikku Committee which went in to all aspects of career improvement and cadre restructuring of the doctors of the Central Health Scheme were accepted by